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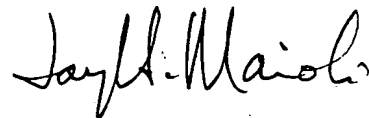
Claims 1-18 remain in the application with claims 1-17 having been amended hereby.

As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments made to the specification are provided to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

A sealing vessel [of this invention comprises] includes a pair of flat plates; a frame member pinched between the pair of flat plates; [a] an adhering member for sealing a space provided inside of the frame member by adhering the pair of flat plates at the outer periphery of the frame member; and a pair of fixing blocks for coupling the pair of flat plates at the outside of the frame member.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-17 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) A sealing vessel comprising:

a pair of flat plates;

a frame member pinched between said pair of flat plates;

[a] an adhering member for sealing a space provided inside of said frame member by adhering said pair of flat plates at an outer periphery of said frame member; and

[a] fixing block means for coupling said pair of flat plates at an outside of said frame member.

--2. (Amended) The sealing vessel as claimed in Claim 1, wherein

said fixing block means is fixed to each of said pair of flat plates.

--3. (Amended) The sealing vessel as claimed in Claim 1, wherein

said fixing block means includes a pair of fixing blocks

attached respectively to [respective] one side and [the] an other side of said pair of flat plates, and

[each of] said pair of fixing blocks attached to said one side and [the] said other side of [the] said pair of flat plates [is] are adhered to each other at a superposed position.

--4. (Amended) The sealing vessel as claimed in Claim 3, wherein

each of said pair of fixing blocks comprises [of] a metal [material] element and [is] said pair of fixing blocks are adhered to each other by welding at the superposed position.

--5. (Amended) The sealing vessel as claimed in Claim 1, wherein

each of said flat plates [comprises] is comprised of a glass substrate.

--6. (Amended) The sealing vessel as claimed in Claim 1, wherein

said adhering member [comprises] is comprised of low melting point glass material.

--7. (Amended) A sealing vessel comprising:

a pair of flat plates;

a frame member pinched between said pair of flat plates;

[a] an adhering member for sealing a space formed inside of said frame member by adhering said pair of flat plates at an outer periphery of said frame member; and

a getter material attached to an inner surface of said frame member.

--8. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a sealing vessel comprising the steps of:

[a step for] providing a frame member between a pair of flat plates and [for] coupling said pair of flat plates by [a] fixing block means at an outside of said frame member; and

[a step for] adhering said pair of flat plates at an outer periphery of said frame member and [for] sealing a space formed inside of said frame member.

--9. (Amended) The method of manufacturing a sealing vessel as claimed in Claim 8, wherein

said [fixing block means] step of coupling includes attaching a pair of fixing blocks [attached] respectively to [respective] one side and [the] an other side of said pair of flat plates; and

[each of] adhering said fixing blocks [attached] respectively to said one side and [the] said other side of [the] said pair of flat plates [is adhered to each other] at a superposed position.

--10. (Amended) The method of manufacturing a sealing vessel as claimed in Claim 8, [wherein] further comprising the steps of:

forming each of said fixing blocks [comprises] of metal material and [is adhered] adhering said fixing blocks to each other by welding at the superposed position.

--11. (Amended) The method of manufacturing a sealing vessel as claimed in Claim 8, [wherein] further comprising the step of forming each of said flat plates [comprises] of a glass substrate.

--12. (Amended) The method of manufacturing a sealing vessel as claimed in Claim 8, [wherein] further comprising the step of forming said adhering member comprises of low melting point glass

material.

--13. (Amended) A display apparatus comprising:

a pair of flat plates;

a frame member pinched between said pair of flat plates;

[a] an adhering member for sealing a space provided inside of said frame member by adhering said pair of flat plates at an outer periphery of said frame member; and

[a] fixing block means for coupling said pair of flat plates at outside of said frame member.

--14. (Amended) The display apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein

said fixing block means is fixed to each of said pair of flat plates.

--15. (Amended) The display apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein

said fixing block means includes a pair of fixing blocks attached respectively to [respective] one side and [the] an other side of said pair of flat plates, and

[each of] said pair of fixing blocks attached to said one side and [the] said other side of the pair of flat plates [is] are adhered to each other at a superposed position.

--16. (Amended) The display apparatus as claimed in Claim 15, wherein

each of said pair of fixing blocks [comprises] is formed of metal material and [is] said pair of fixing blocks are adhered to each other by welding at the superposed position.

--17. (Amended) The display apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein

said adhering [material comprises] member is formed of low melting point glass material.